

## What are Transit Facilities?

Transit Facilities are defined as:



- Benches;
- Shelters; or
- Other similar transit stop amenities.



## For More Information

Contact the **Bloomington Transit General Manager** at: (812) 332 - 5688 for more information regarding the design and installation of bus facilities.

In addition, visit the following manufacturer websites for more information about the variety of passenger shelter designs available.

Lacor Streetscape  
<http://www.lacorss.com/>

Columbia Equipment Company  
<http://www.columbiaequipment.com/>

Basco International, Inc.  
<http://www.brasco.com/>

Daytech  
<http://www.daytechmfg.com/>

Tolar Shelters  
<http://www.tolarmfg.com/>

Duo-Gard  
<http://www.duo-gard.com/>

Handi-Hut, Inc.  
<http://www.handi-hut.com/>

## Who Should I Consult Regarding Transit Facility Requirements?



Since bus facility requirements may vary depending on the site, developers should contact the **Bloomington Transit General Manager** for additional guidelines.

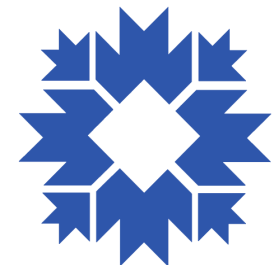
Bloomington Transit can be reached at: (812) 332 - 5688.

## City of Bloomington, Indiana Transit Facility Standards for Developers



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## Who is Required to Install Transit Facilities?

### Existing Public Transportation Routes

#### Type of Development

Along existing public transportation routes, a transit facility is required for:

- Any multifamily development with at least twenty (20) dwelling units; or
- Any nonresidential unit with at least 20,000 square feet of floor area

#### Criteria

In addition, one of the following criteria must be met:

- **Usage:** the proposed development is expected to generate public transit usage; or
- **Proximity:** the nearest existing transit facility on the route is more than one-fifth of a mile (1,056 feet) away from the closest primary building on the site; or
- **Route Overlap:** the existing transportation routes do not overlap in any way that a single transit facility is sufficient to serve all routes.

### Future Public Transportation Routes

#### Type of Development

Along future public transportation routes, a transit facility easement is required where:

- One (1) or more transportation routes are expected to exist on adjacent public streets; and
- The development is expected to generate public transit usage.

#### Criteria

In addition, one of the following criteria must be met:

- **Route Overlap:** the existing public transportation routes do not overlap in any way that a single transit facility is sufficient to serve all routes.
- **Insufficient Right-of-way:** there is insufficient right-of-way to reasonably allow a transit facility and/or transit service access.

## What are the Design Requirements?

### Location

A required transit facility should be located:

- Within or adjacent to the right-of-way on which the public transportation route is established; or
- Another site as approved by the public transportation authority and contained within a transit facility easement.

A required transit facility easement should be located:

- On a site adjacent to the right-of-way on which the public transportation route is established; or
- Another site as approved by the transportation authority

### Pedestrian Accessibility

Transit facilities must be connected to the public sidewalk system and ADA-accessible routes.

Public transit facilities must also be designed such that they will not interfere with the normal flow of pedestrian traffic on public or private sidewalks.



Wheelchair accessible bus shelter in Cambridge, MA  
Photo Credit: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/bluepeony>

### Setback Exemption

Public transit facilities will be exempt from the setback standards of the zoning district.

### Minimum Easement Dimensions

Depth: Ten (10) feet  
Width: Fifteen (15) feet

### Construction Standards

Public transit facilities must be built to meet the requirements of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation. Contact the Bloomington Transit General Manager at (812) 332-5688 for more details.

## Go Beyond the Box !

Public transit facilities do not have to be simple boxes. Cities throughout the country have been experimenting with creative designs that enhance the image of the community and offer transit users a more enjoyable experience.



Passenger shelter located at the corner of Rogers St. and Patterson Dr. in the McDoel Gardens neighborhood.

In recent years, the City of Bloomington has attempted to construct transit structures that incorporate the surrounding architecture and neighborhood design. The City encourages developers to consider transit facilities that are sensitive to the context of the surrounding area and reach beyond the basic, bus shelter "box" design.

Manufacturers offer a variety of pre-made designs that are functional, meet minimum size specifications and are also aesthetically pleasing. In many cases, these alternatives are not only more visually appealing, but cost about the same as the traditional transit facilities. So before deciding on a design, be sure to consider the wide range of creative options that are available.



Creative shelter options manufactured by Lacor Streetscapes, Tolar Shelters and Skylark Shelter Systems.